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OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY & HEALTH COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

Wednesday – July 30, 2008

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chairperson Richard Harris called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. Present were: Richard Harris, Anne Quick, Les DenHerder, and Renee Bacchini, standing in for Glen Forman. A quorum was met.

Members absent: Wayne Lindholm, Jose Millan

II. REVIEW/APPROVAL of the January 23, 2008 MINUTES

The minutes from the last meeting were reviewed and approved as written. None opposed.

III. Continued discussion on types of planning to ensure the safety of the trades

- Nothing to report.

IV. Report on CAL OSHA Partnerships on large projects

- Chairman Harris reported that he spoke with Len Welsh, Chief, Department Of Safety & Health, and asked him if he could recommend someone to attend a CAC meeting and talk about inspections on projects sites. Mr. Welsh said there were not that many people that could give any valuable information. Mr. Harris went on to report that Fed OSHA goes to the contractor and asks them that if they will allow them unlimited access to the project site they will not write citations if they correct the problem immediately. Chairman Harris commented that he felt that having the inspectors on the project site most of the time will ensure the safety of the workers. Mr. Harris asked the attendees if anyone was interested in a Forum or had any ideas. No responses were given.
- Chairman Harris reported that Len Welsh has been confirmed as the Director of CAL OSHA. He also reported that Mr. Welsh opened a Directors Advisory, under Rules and Regulations that can be written by the Director. The Advisory is to re write the schedule of fines. Mr. Harris is on the Advisory Committee.
- Chairman Harris also reported on AB 1988 regarding the Appeals Board, stating that the Bill will require a contractor to abate the violation before the contractor appeals. How it stands now, is, if you get a citation, you can appeal it, but you do not have to abate it until you win or loose the appeal. He continued to say that the Bill would require the Appeals Board to hold the hearings in the area where the company that has been sited and the area where the witnesses live.

V. Date of the next meeting will be July 29, 2009

VI. Adjournment

The motion to adjourn was moved and seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

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